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SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

June 7, 2001

Karen Getman, Chairman
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposed FPPC Regulation 18531.6, Agenda Item No. 7

Dear Chairman Getman:

I write to join in the expression of legislative intent contained in the letter sent by Senators John Burton and Ross Johnson (enclosed).

I was a co-author of Proposition 34 and can assure you that it was not our intent to prohibit term limited legislators from effectively fulfilling the duties of their office. As the Commission considers proposed Regulation 18531.6, I encourage you to keep the real world in mind. Legislators, whether termed out or not, have legitimate expenses related to holding public office that can realistically only be paid for out of campaign funds. Allowing legislators to raise funds for those purposes pursuant to the other limits of Proposition 34 is completely consistent with our intent in drafting Proposition 34. I urge you to adopt a regulation that acknowledges these realities.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RMH', is written over the words 'Very truly yours,'.

ROBERT M. HERTZBERG
Speaker of the Assembly

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Enclosure



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